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SUBJ: ZAIRE/ VATICAN RELATIONS: SALONGO EDITORIAL

REF: KINSHASA 3704

1. KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO MAY 16 PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED " PROVOCATION" TAKING STRONG EXCEPTION TO RECENT AFP REPORT

DATELINED VATICAN ( NOT AVAILABLE HERE) WHICH QUOTES VATICAN OBSERVERS

AS SAYING MOBUTU FINALLY DECIDED TO INSULT PAUL VI BY REFUSING TO CALL ON HIM FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO ITALY. EDITOR SAYS OBSERVERS FAILED TO NOTE THAT UNDER ZAIRIAN RULES OF PROTOCOL MOBUTU ACCEPTS INVITATIONS BUT DOES NOT SOLICIT THEM.

2. EDITORIAL NOTES WITH DISAPPROVAL AFP REPORT' S USE OF FORMER ( CHRISTIAN) NAMES OF TWO ZAIRIAN MONSIGNORS WHO WERE IN ROME AT TIME AND ITS PATENT EFFORT TO SOW DISSENSION BY NOTING THAT ONE OF THEM DID NOT COME TO AIRPORT TO SEE MOBUTU OFF AND THAT SOME ZAIRIAN SEMINARIANS IN ROME IGNORED INVITATIONS TO COME TO AIRPORT TO GREET MOBUTU. COMMENTS, " WE THOUGHT CHURCH PREACHED RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY AND DISCIPLINE."

3. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES SAYING THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN CHURCH  
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AND STATE IN ZAIRE, ONLY SOME PROBLEMS " WHICH WILL DISAPPEAR WHEN  
THE CHURCH OF ZAIRE IS WHOLLY DECOLONIALIZED AND INTEGRATED IN  
ZAIRE' S LAY SOCIETY... AS LONG AS CERTAIN PRELATES REMAIN VASSALS  
OF FOREIGNERS THE KIND OF CHURCH THEY PROPOSE TO US WILL BE  
COMBATTED BY THE AUTHENTIC NATIONAL REVOLUTION. "  
DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
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